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In re the Application of

Lyle ARMSTRONG et al.

Application No.: 09/530,518

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: M. Chaudhary

Filed: May 25, 2000

For: METHOD AND AGENT FOR DETERMINING AN ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY SUCH AS DEAMINASE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In reply to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 22, 28, 30, 39 and 40 as follows:

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22. (Amended) Method for detecting and identifying and/or quantifying an enzymatic activity of a microorganism, according to which an inoculum which is capable of containing a microorganism with a deaminase activity is brought into contact with a culture medium for microorganisms,

wherein the culture medium comprises at least one detection agent for demonstrating, by forming a colored product with a revealing agent, an enzymatic activity;

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